

Valentine Crawford to George Washington, June 24, 1775, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MR. VALENTINE CRAWFORD.

JACOBS CREEK June 24th 1775

DEAR SIR

I [am] verey Sorry to Enform you I Recved a Letter from Mr Cleaveland of the 7th of June where in in he seems to be in a good dale of Destress five of the Sarvents has Run away and plagued him a good dale the got to the Indens towns Butt by the Esesten¹ of one Mr Duncan a trader he has got them again and he has sent three of them up By a Man he had hired with a Letter to My Brother willim or My Selfe to Sell them for you, but the man Sold them him Selfe Som where about wheeling on his way up and Never brought them to us for £20 pen Currency and give one years Credit which wase verry Low and he did Not Receve one Shilling which wase Contrary to Cleavelands orders to him as he wase to Raes Som Cash by the Sails for to purches provesons² and I think it wod be advisable if the Men they are Sold tow is Nott good to take them from them and Sell them again but the Man Shant be Stopt for want of Money for I will furnesh him and will Esest Mr Simson in geting Started as quick as posable with his Canew and provesons Mr Cleaveland Left Som Corn att Mr Simsons when he went down and I will get him Som Flower to Load his Canew Mr Cleaveland Sank a Canew a going down and Lost five or Six Casks of Corn and Severell other things and James McCormick and Charles Morgan found a bag of Cloths and Severell other things a few days after as the wase a going [down] the River

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[and] deliverd them to Mr Cleaveland again as the New they belong to His Company By Som papers they found in the Bundle Mr Cleaveland dose Not Mention of geting Eney but the three Sarvents he he Sent to be Sold but Mr Duncan told Me yesterday att fort don More that he had got the hole five that Ran away Docter Crakes³ Manager has had very Bad Luck for in the Canew that wase Sunk he Lost all his papers and wase much att a Loss to find his Land or att Least to find the Corner trees but I have Sent him all the plats and Instructions I had from the docter Least a Letter I have wrote to him Should Miscarry you Can Enform him I hope to be down in Fairfax as Soon as Ever I Reap My harvest and will Settle all My accompts with you

we had Chose Cometees out here and are a Rasing Independent Company and Regualate Maters the best we Can but an unhappy Confusion hapend the other day the pencilvanas Come to fort pitt and tuck Majer Coneley about Mid Night with the Sheriff and about 20 men and Carred him as far [as] Ligonier the verey Night Before we wase to have the [meeting?] with the Indens⁴ and Severell of the pencilvania traders by the Indens story wase Indeavouring to put Ill in the Minds of the Indens But on Majer Coneley being taken the people of Shirtee Come in in a Companey and Seised three of the pencla Magistrats who where Concerned in taking of Coneley — George Willson Joseph Speer and dedrick⁵ Smith and Sent them in an old Leakey Boat down to Fort fincastle under a gard Butt our Court had Now hand in this Butt it wase done by a Mob or Sett of Coneleys frends that Lives on Shirtees Creek

But there wase all the Members of our Cometeewrote a verey Sperited Letter to the gentlemen of pen Cometeew to demand Coneley Back and all Signd and Sent it with an express on the Recpt of which they amedently Sent Majer Conely Back and things seemes to be a Little Moderated and I bleve the Indens wants Nothing but peace but it Seemd to Elarm [them] verey Much to here our grate Man wase Stole and Indeed it Elarmed us all verey Much as Majer Coneley wase the Man that had done and transacted all the bisness

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with them before Now other person wase So able to Setle bisness with them as him So I
hope you will Excux the Lenth of My Letter and

I am dr Sir your Most Hble Savet VALE: CRAWFORD NB pleas to give My Complements
to Mr Lund Washington and tell him his people is well and in a verey good way to Make a
good Crop of Corn V C

1 Assistance.

2 provisions.

3 Craik's?

4 According to Connolly's own account (Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, vols, xii. and xiii), he
had effected all that he desired, in this general meeting of the Indians, before he was arrested. His secret object
was to enlist the savages on the side of royalty, and he claims to have had their promise of allegiance to the king.

5 deveureux?